

**MACOMB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING - FULL BOARD  
JANUARY 4, 2001**

The Macomb County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on January 4, 2001 at the Macomb County Board of Commissioners Conference Room, Mount Clemens. County Clerk, Carmella Sabaugh called the meeting to order and the following members were present:

|                         |             |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| Ralph A. Liberato       | District 1  |
| Marvin Sauger           | District 2  |
| Phillip A. DiMaria      | District 3  |
| Jonathan Lafferty       | District 4  |
| Dennis Olshove          | District 5  |
| Joan Flynn              | District 6  |
| Sue Rocca               | District 7  |
| Diana J. Kolakowski     | District 8  |
| Robert Mijac            | District 9  |
| Philis DeSaele          | District 10 |
| Ed Szczepanski          | District 11 |
| Peter J. Lund           | District 12 |
| Don Brown               | District 13 |
| John C. Hertel          | District 14 |
| Nicholyn A. Brandenburg | District 15 |
| Leon Drolet             | District 16 |
| Bobby L. Hill           | District 17 |
| Michael C. Sessa        | District 18 |
| James M. Perna          | District 19 |
| Nancy M. White          | District 20 |
| Leonard Haggerty        | District 21 |
| Elizabeth Slinde        | District 22 |
| Robert M. Sawicki       | District 23 |
| Roland R. Fraschetti    | District 24 |
| Peggy A. Kennard        | District 25 |

Commissioner Flynn was absent.

**AGENDA**

A **MOTION** TO ADOPT THE AGENDA WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER FRASCHETTI, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER SLINDE.

A **MOTION TO AMEND** THE AGENDA TO INCLUDE AS ITEM 6 A DISCUSSION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5952 PERTAINING TO LENGTH OF TERM OF OFFICE FOR CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DIMARIA, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER SZCZEPANSKI.

George Brumbaugh indicated that House Bill No. 5952 which was signed by the Legislature provides that the Chairman of the Board shall be elected each odd-numbered year for a two-year term, unless the County Board provides by resolution that the chairperson shall be elected annually for a one-year term.

A vote was taken on the **MOTION TO AMEND** the Agenda, and the **MOTION CARRIED**, with Commissioners Fraschetti and Sessa voting **NO**.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON**

The Clerk called for nominations for Temporary Chairperson.

Commissioner Haggerty was nominated by Commissioner Liberato, supported by Commissioner Perna. Commissioner Haggerty accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Lund was nominated by Commissioner Sessa, supported by

Commissioner Fraschetti. Commissioner Lund declined the nomination.

Commissioner Drolet was nominated by Commissioner Sessa, supported by Commissioner Fraschetti. Commissioner Drolet declined the nomination.

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Commissioner Sessa was nominated by Commissioner Frascchetti, supported by Commissioner Lund.  
Commissioner Sessa accepted the nomination.

There were **NO** other nominations. Nominations were **CLOSED**.

**ROLL CALL VOTE FOR TEMPORARY CHAIR**

|              | <b>HAGGERTY</b> | <b>SESSA</b> |
|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| BRANDENBURG  |                 | X            |
| BROWN        | X               |              |
| LAFFERTY     | X               |              |
| DESAELE      | X               |              |
| DIMARIA      | X               |              |
| DROLET       |                 | X            |
| FLYNN        | <i>absent</i>   |              |
| FRASCHETTI   |                 | X            |
| LUND         |                 | X            |
| HAGGERTY     | X               |              |
| HILL         | X               |              |
| KENNARD      | X               |              |
| KOLAKOWSKI   | X               |              |
| LIBERATO     | X               |              |
| MIJAC        | X               |              |
| OLSHOVE      | X               |              |
| PERNA        | X               |              |
| SAWICKI      | X               |              |
| ROCCA        |                 | X            |
| SAUGER       | X               |              |
| SESSA        |                 | X            |
| SLINDE       | X               |              |
| SZCZEPANSKI  |                 | X            |
| WHITE        | X               |              |
| HERTEL       | X               |              |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>17</b>       | <b>7</b>     |

**COMMISSIONER HAGGERTY ELECTED TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN**

Commissioner Sessa thanked those who supported him.

**LENGTH OF TERM OF THE CHAIRMAN**

A **MOTION** WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DIMARIA, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER SZCZEPANSKI, TO STAY WITH A ONE-YEAR TERM FOR CHAIRMAN AND GIVE CONSIDERATION TO A TWO-YEAR TERM FOR CHAIRMAN IN FEBRUARY.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding House Bill No. 5952 regarding the length of term of the chairman.

George Brumbaugh indicated that the length of term for the Chairman of the Board would come up again in the year 2003 at which time the decision will have to be made again by the board.

A **MOTION TO RECESS** THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING FOR TWO WEEKS PENDING REVIEW OF THE RULES COMMITTEE TO DETERMINE WHETHER WE WISH TO GO TO A TWO-YEAR CHAIRMANSHIP WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER FRASCHETTI, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER SESSA.

The discussion continued.

*Recess was requested by Commissioner White.  
Temporary Chairman Haggerty called for a ten-minute recess at 10:10 a.m.  
Reconvened at 10:20 a.m.*

**ROLL CALL VOTE ON MOTION TO RECESS THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

|             | <b>YES</b> | <b>NO</b> |
|-------------|------------|-----------|
| BRANDENBURG |            | X         |
| BROWN       |            | X         |
| LAFFERTY    |            | X         |

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|             |               |    |
|-------------|---------------|----|
| DESAELE     |               | X  |
| DIMARIA     |               | X  |
| DROLET      |               | X  |
| FLYNN       | <i>absent</i> |    |
| FRASCHETTI  | X             |    |
| LUND        |               | X  |
| HAGGERTY    |               | X  |
| HILL        |               | X  |
| KENNARD     |               | X  |
| KOLAKOWSKI  |               | X  |
| LIBERATO    |               | X  |
| MIJAC       |               | X  |
| OLSHOVE     |               | X  |
| PERNA       |               | X  |
| SAWICKI     |               | X  |
| ROCCA       |               | X  |
| SAUGER      |               | X  |
| SESSA       | X             |    |
| SLINDE      |               | X  |
| SZCZEPANSKI |               | X  |
| WHITE       |               | X  |
| HERTEL      |               | X  |
| TOTAL       | 2             | 22 |

**THE MOTION TO RECESS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING FAILED.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO FOR ONE-YEAR TERM FOR CHAIRMAN**

|             | YES           | NO |
|-------------|---------------|----|
| BRANDENBURG |               | X  |
| BROWN       |               | X  |
| LAFFERTY    |               | X  |
| DESAELE     |               | X  |
| DIMARIA     | X             |    |
| DROLET      | X             |    |
| FLYNN       | <i>absent</i> |    |
| FRASCHETTI  | X             |    |
| LUND        |               | X  |
| HAGGERTY    |               | X  |
| HILL        |               | X  |
| KENNARD     |               | X  |
| KOLAKOWSKI  | X             |    |
| LIBERATO    |               | X  |
| MIJAC       |               | X  |
| OLSHOVE     |               | X  |
| PERNA       |               | X  |
| SAWICKI     |               | X  |
| ROCCA       |               | X  |
| SAUGER      |               | X  |
| SESSA       | X             |    |
| SLINDE      |               | X  |
| SZCZEPANSKI | X             |    |
| WHITE       | X             |    |
| HERTEL      |               | X  |
| TOTAL       | 7             | 17 |

**THE MOTION TO STAY WITH A ONE-YEAR TERM FOR CHAIRMAN FAILED.**

**CHAIRMAN**

Temporary Chairperson Haggerty called for nominations for Chairman.

Commissioner Hertel was nominated by Commissioner Hill, supported by Commissioner Brown. Commissioner Hertel accepted the nomination.

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Commissioner Szczepanski was nominated by Commissioner Sessa, supported by Commissioner Frascchetti. Commissioner Szczepanski accepted the nomination.

There were **NO** other nominations. Nominations were **CLOSED**.

**ROLL CALL VOTE FOR CHAIRMAN**

|              | <b>HERTEL</b> | <b>SZCZEPANSKI</b> |
|--------------|---------------|--------------------|
| BRANDENBURG  | X             |                    |
| BROWN        | X             |                    |
| LAFFERTY     | X             |                    |
| DESAELE      | X             |                    |
| DIMARIA      | X             |                    |
| DROLET       | X             |                    |
| FLYNN        | <i>absent</i> |                    |
| FRASCHETTI   |               | X                  |
| LUND         | X             |                    |
| HAGGERTY     | X             |                    |
| HILL         | X             |                    |
| KENNARD      | X             |                    |
| KOLAKOWSKI   | X             |                    |
| LIBERATO     | X             |                    |
| MIJAC        | X             |                    |
| OLSHOVE      | X             |                    |
| PERNA        | X             |                    |
| SAWICKI      | X             |                    |
| ROCCA        | X             |                    |
| SAUGER       | X             |                    |
| SESSA        |               | X                  |
| SLINDE       | X             |                    |
| SZCZEPANSKI  |               | X                  |
| WHITE        | X             |                    |
| HERTEL       | X             |                    |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>21</b>     | <b>3</b>           |

**COMMISSIONER HERTEL ELECTED CHAIRMAN - TWO-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2002**

Chairman Hertel introduced and thanked his wife Janice and his son John for their continued support. He went on to thank each commissioner individually for their contributions to this board.

**VICE-CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman called for nominations for Vice-Chairman.

Commissioner Liberato was nominated by Commissioner Perna, supported by Commissioner Lafferty. Commissioner Liberato accepted the nomination.

A **MOTION** WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER FRASCHETTI, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER DIMARIA, THAT NOMINATIONS BE CLOSED AND COMMISSIONER LIBERATO BE ELECTED UNANIMOUSLY VICE-CHAIRMAN, AND THE **MOTION CARRIED**.

**COMMISSIONER LIBERATO ELECTED VICE-CHAIRMAN UNANIMOUSLY.**

Vice-Chairman Liberato thanked the Board for their support. He stated he is very pleased to continue his work with Chairman Hertel and the rest of the Board.

**SERGEANT-AT-ARMS**

The Chairman called for nominations for Sergeant-At-Arms.

Commissioner Sauger was nominated by Commissioner Mijac, support by Commissioner DiMaria. Commissioner Sauger accepted the nomination.

A **MOTION** WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DESAELE, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER HILL, THAT NOMINATIONS BE CLOSED AND COMMISSIONER SAUGER BE ELECTED UNANIMOUSLY SERGEANT-AT-ARMS, AND THE **MOTION CARRIED**.

**COMMISSIONER SAUGER ELECTED SERGEANT-AT-ARMS UNIMOUSLY**

Commissioner Sauger thanked the Board for their support.

**RESOLUTIONS/TRIBUTES**

None

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE**

|                         |             |
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| Phillip A. DiMaria      | District 3  |
| Jonathan Lafferty       | District 4  |
| Dennis Olshove          | District 5  |
| Joan Flynn              | District 6  |
| Sue Rocca               | District 7  |
| Diana J. Kolakowski     | District 8  |
| Robert Mijac            | District 9  |
| Philis DeSaele          | District 10 |
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| Robert M. Sawicki       | District 23 |
| Roland R. Fraschetti    | District 24 |
| Peggy A. Kennard        | District 25 |

Commissioner Flynn was absent.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A **MOTION** TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER LIBERATO, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER SAUGER, AND THE **MOTION CARRIED.**

Chairman Hertel adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m., until the call of the Chairman.

John C. Hertel, Chairman  
Carmella Sabaugh, Clerk